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For: SHAPED ILLUMINATION )  
GEOMETRY AND INTENSITY )  
USING A DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL )  
ELEMENT )

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Sir:

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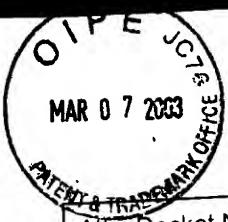
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